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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen SD Public Utilities Commission 500 E Capitol Ave Pierre SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Petitions of LECs for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251 (b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended (Docket No. TC08-006 through TC08-027)

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed herein, please find a Stipulation on behalf of the Petitioner LECs, Verizon Wireless and Alltel Communications, to be filed in each of the above referenced dockets.

Sincerely yours,

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# BEFORE THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc., Splitrock Properties, Inc. and Hills Telephone Company, Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	Docket No. TC08-006 ) )
In the Matter of the Petition of Kennebec Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) Docket No. TC08-007
In the Matter of the Petition of Faith Municipal Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) Docket No. TC08-008
In the Matter of the Petition of Western Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) Docket No. TC08-009
In the Matter of the Petition of Sioux Valley Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) Docket No. TC08-010
In the Matter of the Petition of Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) Docket No. TCO8-011 ) )
In the Matter of the Petition of RC Communications, Inc., and Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) ) ) Docket No. TC08-012 )

In the Matter of the Petition of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-013
In the Matter of the Petition of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-014
In the Matter of the Petition of Vivian Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) )	Docket No. TC08-015
In the Matter of the Petition of Kadoka Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) )	Docket No. TC08-016
In the Matter of the Petition of Brookings Municipal Utilites d/b/a Swiftel Communications for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-017
In the Matter of the Petition of Union Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) )	Docket No. TC08-018
In the Matter of the Petition of Armour Independent Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-019
In the Matter of the Petition of McCook Cooperative Telephone Company and Tri- County Telcom for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-020

In the Matter of the Petition of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-021
In the Matter of the Petition of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-022
In the Matter of the Petition of Midstate Communications, Inc., for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) )	Docket No. TC08-023
In the Matter of the Petition of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-024
In the Matter of the Petition of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-025
In the Matter of the Petition of Stockholm Strandburg Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-026
In the Matter of the Petition of Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc., for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended	) ) ) )	Docket No. TC08-027

### **STIPULATION**

This stipulation is made and entered into by and between each of the above Petitioners and intervenors Alltel Communications, LLC (hereinafter "Alltel") and Verizon Wireless (VAW)

LLC, CommNet Cellular License Holding LLC, Missouri Valley Cellular, Inc., Sanborn Cellular, Inc., and Eastern South Dakota Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless (hereinafter "Verizon Wireless"). Petitioners, Alltel and Verizon Wireless present the following stipulation to the Commission and hereby request that the Commission adopt the stipulation for the purposes set forth herein. Wherefore, the parties hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. <u>LNP Compliance</u>. Each Petitioner shall implement local number portability ("LNP") in accordance with the LNP Settlement Agreement and Stipulation it has entered into with Alltel and Verizon Wireless. The Parties request that the Commission grant each Petitioner a temporary suspension of Section 251(b)(2) to the LNP implementation time set forth in its specific LNP Settlement Agreement and Stipulation.
- 2. <u>Routing Calls to Ported Numbers</u>. Each Petitioner has made arrangements for the delivery of traffic to ported numbers that are satisfactory to Petitioner and Intervenors.
- 3. Language of PUC Order. The Parties agree that the Commission shall modify each Petitioner's obligations under Section 251(b)(2) with the following language:

Petitioner's obligations under 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(2) are modified pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(2) so that Petitioner will be obligated to port numbers only to wireless carriers or interconnected VOIP providers that obtain NANP telephone numbers through a wireless carrier (a) directly connected with Petitioner; (b) indirectly connected to Petitioner through an EAS arrangement that Petitioner has with another ILEC, where both the Petitioner and ILEC agree to the use of the EAS arrangement; (c) indirectly connected to Petitioner through the SDN tandem in Sioux Falls, via SDN's facilities; or (d) indirectly connected to an ILEC's local calling area through a direct connection to a different local calling area. When Petitioner is indirectly connected to a wireless carrier or an interconnected VOIP provider that obtains NANP telephone numbers through a wireless carrier, the payment of any charges associated with the transport of calls to numbers ported to the wireless carrier or interconnected VOIP provider will be determined pursuant to the mechanisms provided for in the Communications Act. Any other requests for relief are hereby denied. This shall constitute the final decision in this matter and upon the effective date hereof, Docket No. 08-006 through 08-027 shall be closed.

4. <u>Void if Modified</u>. The parties agree that if any of the terms or conditions set forth in the Stipulation are modified in any material manner by the Commission which are unacceptable to any party,including the proposed ordering language, the Stipulation shall be void and deemed withdrawn and shall not constitute any part of the record in this proceeding or any other proceeding and shall not be used for any other purpose. The Parties agree that if this matter is not settled, or if the Commission rejects or alters this Settlement Stipulation, the dockets will proceed as a contested case before the Commission.

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